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Earhart Chronicler Says Vindication Near

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Fred Goerner believes that Amelia Earhart was playing spy in the sky while Gary Powers was still pitching Little League.

And now Goerner, a 42-year-old San Francisco radio newsman, is only a file, an official word, or one interview removed from proving his solution to flying's greatest riddle.

FOR SIX years, Goerner has pummeled, probed and retrowed the 1937 disappearance of airwoman Earhart and her ex-China Clipper navigator Fred Noonan.

His black hair has turned steely since 1960 when he picked up a trail that froze nearly three decades ago when Amelia supposedly radioed from her ditching aircraft: "Gas is running low . . . we are circling but cannot see island . . . we are now running north and south."

That qualification "supposedly" is deliberate.

FOR IN his best selling, "The Search for Amelia Earhart," now on sale beneath a Doubleday dustjacket, Goernear disintegrates every accepted fact concerning Earhart's last flight, save that the worshipped tomboy was on a round-the-world trip.

Goerner, a sixth grader at Kenilworth School when Lady Lindy crashed in the Pacific, states bluntly that the Earhart-Noonan Lockheed Electra piled up in the Marshall Islands, 750 miles northwest of the suspected Howland Island crash site.

Both flyers survived the bellylanding, he says. Both were captured by the Japanese and taken to Saipan, 150 miles north of Guam.

MONTHS later, Earhart died of dysentery. Noonan was executed as an American spy.

Goener devotes 326 pages to presenting a stark jigsaw of coinciding testimonies, a hundred interlocking facts

Fred Goerner
Flying Mystery Detective

and documentary proof gleaned from night and day research and four trips to Saipan.

And to conclude his historical whodunnit and why, Goerner proves that Earhart and Noonan were on a U.S.-government-sponsored spy flight, checking Pacific islands for fortifications, at the time of their disappearance.

IT'S impossible to argue with his evidence that the Electra was equipped with top-secret Navy radio gear, aerial reconnaissance cameras, and engines twice as powerful as those announced for the trip.

It's tough to discount the sworn statements of two Marines who say they exhumed the remains of Earhart and Noonan from Saipan graves in 1944 and placed the bones in cannisters for shipment to the States.

It's hard to disbelieve an eyewitness to the Saipan burning of the Earhart plane by Marine intelligence officers.

And it's easy to smell a government coverup when Goerner proves that even President Kennedy was denied access to Central Intelligence Agency files on the Earhart mystery.

"I'M ABSOLUTELY convinced that I have unlocked the door to the Earhart business and am standing on the doorstep of confirmation," said Goerner when interviewed in Phoenix last week.

"All I need now is an invitation to come inside; either through open admission from the military or the lever of a congressional investigation," he added.

And before going on a book autographing whirl of the Valley, bachelor Goerner erased a question mark left by his book.

He said he has:

— ADDITIONAL testimony from two Marine intelligence men, on Saipan during the war, that the remains of Earhart and Noonan are now on a shelf in the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, "that government chamber of horrors that has President Kennedy's brain."

— An investigation under way to check the authenticity of new photographic evidence indicating Earnhart and Noonan were Japanese captives.

— Hopes that formerly mute witnesses are "beginning to creak and may talk now the pressure is on."

GOERNER is frank in his objectives.

He wants his work to earn a buck for the Goerner bank account, with justice and possibly Congressional Medals of Honor for Earhart and Noonan.

"But I have another area of concern," added Goerner. "I want to hit out for freedom of the press and the public's right to be informed.

"I want to prove the existence of government management of news . . . that it existed when Amelia and Fred crashed and still exists today with government agencies suppressing 30-year-information.

"I LOVE my country and recognize that my six-year investigation is truly democracy at work," he added.

"But when that same democracy is denying a simple, decent Christian burial to two national heros, then I start to wonder where the hell we're going . . ."